

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system, method and control unit for generating a message, particularly an alarm message of a control unit of an automation system. Simplified use of existing transmission means is proposed for transmitting the message of a control unit as an e-mail message via an Intranet and/or the Internet to a predetermined receiving device. In accordance with the invention, the control unit enters a message identification individually assigned to each message in an identification field of the message. The receiving device after receipt of a message returns an acknowledgment to the control unit, which contains the identification associated with the underlying message as the acknowledgment identification. By comparing the acknowledgment identification contained in the acknowledgment with the message identification contained in the transmitted message, the acknowledgment can be uniquely assigned to the transmitted message.